



Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1652

Appln. No.: 09/591,279

Examiner: David J. STEADMAN

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For: *Engineering β -Ketoacyl ACP
Synthase for Novel Substrate
Specificity*

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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Final Office Action be extended one month from December 10, 2003 to January 10, 2004 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The appropriate fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time for a large entity. Applicants request that this fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387. Further, if additional extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16518.126.

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